

GEN. KIRKE: BRITAIN'S TRIGGER-MAN IN FINLAND

Did you ever hear of General Sir Walter Kirke of the British Army?

Most likely not. But he is important in grasping the real situation in Finland which the headlines are concealing.

General Kirke of the British Army Staff headed a

British military mission which visited the Helsinki government in 1924-25. He visited the ex-Czarist murderer of the Finnish people, General Baron Von Mannerheim of the Helsinki Government.

It was in 1924—exactly fifteen years ago—that Kirke and Mannerheim jointly supervised the construction of the present "Mannerheim Line" of fort-

resses and armed trenches up and down the coast of Finland near the Soviet Union.

Does this look as if the British War Office was an innocent lamb in the preparations for aggressions against the Soviet borders? Britain was preparing to use the Mannerheim gang as a trigger-man against the USSR fifteen years ago. They did use him in 1918. So did the Kaiser's

generals.

The United Press from London reported Thursday night: "Finland has been receiving arms from Britain, the United States and Germany for more than a year."

Does this appear as if Washington was innocent of any knowledge of the Helsinki plot to foment war with the USSR?

Finns in Free Region Hail People's Gov't

Workers and Peasants Meeting Throughout Area Welcome Advancing Red Army, Denounce Mannerheim Clique

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

TERIJOKE, Dec. 10.—In all villages and towns where the rule of the Finnish White Guards has been broken by the Red Army and the Finnish People's Army, entire populations are entering into a new life of freedom.

Typical of this new era was the meeting of all the

inhabitants of the Finnish villages on the island of Seiskaari on December 8. The middle-aged fisherman Pavel Pailoto was unanimously elected chairman of the meeting.

Those at the meeting spoke with hatred of the bankrupt, plutocratic Finnish "government" of Rytis-Tanner, of the foul gang of traitors and executioners of the Finnish people. A resolution adopted unanimously stated in part:

HAIL PEOPLES GOVERNMENT

"We inhabitants of Seiskaari Island welcome the newly established People's Government headed by Otto Kuusinen. This government is bringing liberation and peace to the Finnish people. Long live the Finnish Democratic Republic! Long live the Soviet Union, friend of the Finnish people!"

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the village of Lehtiovaara the formation of the People's Government was discussed with great enthusiasm. A resolution adopted unanimously at this meeting declared in part:

"From the bottom of our hearts we welcome the People's Government, which program corresponds to the interests of the working people."

"The former White Guard government headed by a gang of political adventurers—the Caidanders, Tanners and Rytis—betrayed the working people of Finland and provoked war against our friend—the Soviet Union. We sincerely thank the Red Army and the Soviet people for helping the Finnish people rid themselves from the tyranny of executioners and provocateurs."

More UP Lies On Finland Nailed by USSR

Yarn on 'Captured Maps a Sheer Fabrication'

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 10.—United Press reports alleging that the Soviet Union plans to extend hostilities to the Atlantic Ocean were branded today by Soviet Government sources as "a sheer fabrication invented from the beginning to the end by the United Press themselves to fool the credulous."

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, issued the following statement on the U.P. report:

"The American agency United Press, referring to a statement of Finnish authorities, is circulating a false report alleging that 'documents and maps' have been found on some 'captured Red Army soldiers' showing 'bombing objectives on the eastern coast of Sweden and the Aaland Islands.'"

"The agency adds that 'this indicates that the Soviet Union is planning to extend hostilities to the Atlantic Ocean.'"

"Tass is authorized to state that this ridiculous report of the respectable American agency is a sheer fabrication invented from the beginning to the end by the United Press themselves to fool the credulous."

Dealers in Finn Pulp Wood Mourn Profits

Jerk Tears for Finnish 'People' and Think of Low-Priced Pulp

American importers of Finnish wood pulp, which has been selling at a price far below Canadian pulp because of cheap labor costs in White-Guard Finland, are indignant that the Soviet Union has sent its Red Army to the assistance of the Finnish people in taking their country out of the imperialist grasp.

The walls of 14 importers were heard in the ornate surroundings of the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria Thursday night at the annual meeting of the Association of American Wood Pulp Importers.

The Finnish pulp mills have shipped an average of 250,000 tons of wood pulp to this country annually.

Johannes Westergaard, vice-president of Atterbury Brothers, Inc., who was elected president of the association for the coming year, gave the game away when he said Finland was fighting in "behalf of us all."

The meeting voted to send a resolution of sympathy and support to Walter Graesbeck of the Finnish Cellulose Union Helsinki, selling agent for most of the Finnish mills.

France Soon to Decree Two Meatless Days

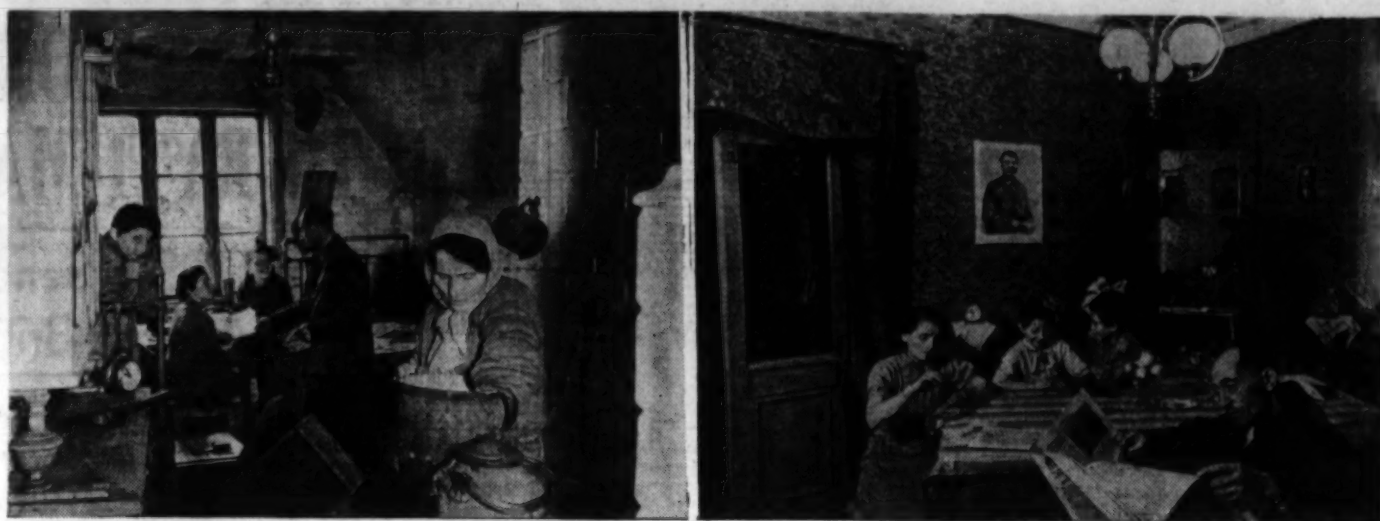
PARIS, Dec. 10.—France soon will observe two meatless days a week, Henri Queille, Minister of Agriculture, announced today.

Monday has been a meatless day since Oct. 17 and Minister Queille said that Friday, when Catholic eat fish, probably would be the second, although final choice was left to prefects of the departments.

Hungary, Italy Confer

ROME, Dec. 10 (UP).—A Hungarian military mission arrived by airplane from Budapest today.

Byelo-Russia Before the Red Army Marched—And After



For 20 years the family of the Byelostok worker Kramnek lived in a hovel, in an attic, amid poverty and starvation. After the liberation of the West Ukraine and West Byelo-Russia by the Red Army a new life dawned for Kramnek and his fellow-workers. Kramnek received a job and new living quarters. Photo above, left, shows Kramnek family in their old quarters. Right, shows the Kramnek family after their removal to their new home.

Fight Goes on North of City Of Nanning

Chinese Stop Enemy in Mountain Battle, Take 400 Rifles

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, China, Dec. 10. Heavy fighting was reported continuing north of Nanning, the South China city in Kwangsi province taken by the Japanese in their recently launched drive from Pakhol, military advisers said today.

A severe battle took place Dec. 5 in the Kaofeng mountain region northwest of Nanning, the Chinese emerging victorious with capture of considerable quantities of military supplies, including 400 rifles.

Japanese troops operating on the Tsingchow-Nanning highway have been cut off from their supply bases by Chinese regulars operating in conjunction with Chinese guerrilla units southeast of Nanning.

The Japanese troops operating northwest of Nanning are in a similar difficult position.

The provincial government in Szechuan has begun to carry through the decision of the recent session of the National Political Council on improvement of the position of women. Two months' maternity leave has been introduced for all women employed in offices and factories.

An extensive campaign for return to China is now under way among Chinese immigrants in Burma, Siam and Annam.

A "Return to the Fatherland" brigade has been organized, and Yunnan provincial authorities are preparing to welcome it.

A special service bureau for returning immigrants has been organized in Kunming, capital of Yunnan province, special villages are being built and land is being set aside for them. Special schools for 1,000 children are now under construction.

CUBAN REACTION SETS TRAP TO NULLIFY PEOPLE'S MANDATE

By Blas Roca

General Secretary, Communist Party of Cuba

(Special to Inter-Continental News) HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 10.—Who will be the next president of Cuba? What tendencies will the coming government have?

We are nearing a general election, which everyone agrees will have tremendous importance for the future of the Cuban Republic, since it will elect an administration which will put into practice the decisions of the Constituent Assembly, the decisions of the progressive people and the broad masses of Cuba.

Therefore our question, which does not center around figures or names, is raised in relation to the present struggle between progress and reaction; between the conservative, pro-fascist Menocalist and Abecedarios forces and the democratic and liberal forces of the country.

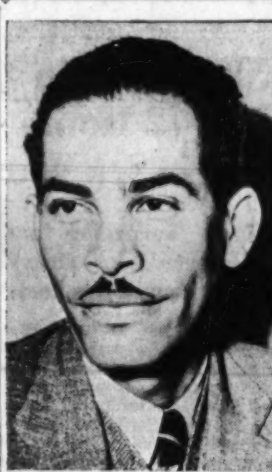
In analyzing the results of the election of delegates to the Constituent Assembly, I pointed out that the great masses of the people who came to the polls voted for progress and democracy.

Reaction is aware of this and is therefore working feverishly to avoid the unity of the progressive forces, in order to win a strong position in the coming general elections.

Reaction knows that it cannot openly present its own candidates who are discredited among the people. It cannot in this manner ensure the persecution of the people and the subjugation of the country to the anti-Cuban interests. Therefore it will try to hide its reactionary aims in a democratic and progressive mask, acceptable to the broad masses of the people.

AN IDEAL CLOAK

The possibility of reaction hiding its true aims under a democratic robe, lies in the attitude of the Autentico Party—the Party of Grau San Martin. This Party has a revolutionary foundation, is credited among the people with being a revolutionary party, but its leader tends to follow conservative policies, rather than to carry out the mandate of the



BLAS ROCA

people.

Therefore, it is possible that the reactionary Menocal and A. B. C. Parties may, with considerable grumbling, put forward Grau San Martin, the leader of the Autentico Party, as their presidential candidate that they receive all other important government positions (Municipalities, Senatorial offices, chairmanships of the legislative bodies, etc.), thus making the government their constitutional prisoner, and enforcing their rule in the name of the Autentico Party, whom they would have deprived of victory for the benefit of reaction and imperialism.

For such a maneuver Grau San Martin would be an ideal candidate, since his personal inclination always tended to disregard the decisions of his Party and to encourage a lukewarm conservatism. For example, during the victory celebrations of the election struggle, when Autenticos and Communists were hailing each other because of their common victory, Dr. Grau was busy giving an interview to the ABC newspaper, which is not read by the Autenticos, making anti-Communist statements, and holding forth the perspective that if he were at the head of the government—forgetting his democratic promises—he would try to ban the Union Revolucionaria and Communist Parties. Whether Dr. Grau understands this, or not, such action would be the beginning of a series of reprisals and persecutions against the popular movement, and a return to the old reactionary path which Cuba has tried to abandon.

A DIFFICULT PATH

This maneuver of reaction finds difficulties in its path for two reasons. First, because the most outstanding reactionary forces fear the attitude of the Autenticos masses toward the possibility of a Grau victory, and therefore they are looking for a less dangerous candidate. Secondly, because instinctively the masses of the Autenticos see the danger of the ambush Menocal

Nazis Order Jews To Leave Danzig

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—All Jews were ordered today to leave Danzig by Dec. 31.

Distribution offices in the Reich displayed notices that Jews would not be given clothing cards necessary for the purchase of even the most elementary clothing needs.

Sedov Arctic Crew to Return To Mainland

Famous Icebreaker to Be Aided by Sister Ship, J. Stalin

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, Dec. 10.—Operations for the withdrawal of the ice-breaker Sedov are continuing rapidly, and regular radio communication with the ship has been established twice daily, it was announced today.

All is in order aboard the ship and the crew is in good health. In the recent period the drift of the ice-breaker has increased considerably and the ship is moving southwards into regions where the ice situation favors her withdrawal from the ice-floes.

The latest bearings of the Sedov, (Dec. 7), places her position at latitude 83 degrees, 50.7 minutes, eastern longitude 5 degrees, 37 minutes.

By decision of the Government of the U.S.S.R., the ice-breaker J. Stalin will leave Murmansk for the north within the next few days with the task of aiding the crew of the Sedov withdraw the ship from the heavy ice-floes.

The whaling ship Murmanets left Murmansk for Greenland Sea on Nov. 18 for ice reconnaissance.

On December 4 the Murmanets reached the southern edge of the ice field at latitude 79 degrees, 51 minutes, eastern longitude 10 degrees, 00 minutes. The ship is remaining in Greenland Sea to observe the movement of the ice in regions adjacent to the position of the drifting Sedov.

Chief Papanin of the Northern Sea Route Administration has been vested with full leadership by the Soviet Government in all operations of withdrawing the Sedov from the ice fields.

Nazis Hang Two Who Fled Prison

BERLIN, Dec. 10 (UP).—Franz Broenner and Anton Kropf, who escaped from a Nazi concentration camp on Nov. 25 after knocking down an S.S. stormtroop guard, were hanged today in the camp from which they fled.

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SEAMEN TO APPEAL N.L.R.B. DECISION ON CREW FIRINGS

Curran Lashes 'Mysterious Influence' on Board Which Caused Reversal of Earlier Ruling Upholding Union in Same Case

The National Maritime Union yesterday announced that it had instructed its attorney, William L. Standard, to prepare an appeal from an adverse decision by the National Labor Relations Board in the case of the Calmar Steamship Company.



JOSEPH CURRAN

In its decision, handed down on Dec. 1, the Board reversed an earlier decision in which it found the company guilty of unfair labor practice and ordered reinstatement of six of ten crew, some of whom were fired for sit-down striking and some for membership in the N.M.U.

The Calmar Steamship Company is a subsidiary of the Bethlehem Steel Corp.

In a letter to Standard, Joseph Curran, N.M.U. president, assailed the Board's "about-face" charging that it was the result of "mysterious influences" which have been brought to bear on Chairman J. Warren Madden since the appointment of William M. Leiserson to succeed Edwin S. Smith.

CREWS FIRED

The strikes in question began in Baltimore on Sept. 3, 1937, when the S.S. Oakmar and the S.S. Calmar sat down for union recognition and for improved conditions. In the ensuing five weeks, two more Calmar ships, the Losmar and the Flomar arrived in port and sat down.

All four crews were fired. On October 6, the strike was called off and the union entered into correspondence with the company regarding reemployment of the discharged men.

Instead of reemploying anybody, however, the company continued to fire crews in the rest of its fleet as fast as they arrived in port.

In the Labor Board's first order, made public in Sept. 1938, the N.M.U. was upheld, the Board finding that the last six crews fired were victims of union membership.

In its final decision, the Board ruled that the company was justified in firing all the crews, even those fired after the strike was over, because it "feared" possible further sit-downs.

"MYSTERIOUS INFLUENCE"

"It is obvious that some mysterious influence has been brought to bear on the Board since it made public its first decision," said Curran in his letter to Standard. "The first decision was unanimous. Chairman Madden was in agreement. Now, after the advent of Leiserson, Madden makes an about-face. What were facts in 1938, it finds, are not facts in 1939."

"If the company violated the Wagner Act in 1938 by firing those last six crews, certainly nothing that has happened in 1939 can alter that fact. It was a fact then, it is a fact now."

Curran ridiculed the "fear" argument raised by the company and cited by the Board.

"The injection of the 'fear' principle into a case of this kind," he continued, "is a violation of a fundamental concept of Anglo-Saxon common law."

"It opens the way for all sorts of strange and uncanny 'fears' of trade unionism by labor-hating employers. Certainly if an employer's fear of strikes is ground for firing employees, no union can exist."

"Man hath no fear greater than an employer for trade unions."

Workers OK Arbitration on Woolen Wages

2,500 Vote at Meeting of Lawrence Mills

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 10.—Joseph Salerno, vice-president of the Textile Workers Union of the CIO and its state director here, announced today that a membership meeting of more than 2,500 workers of American Woolen Mills here voted approval to the proposal that a wage increase demand be submitted to arbitration.

Meetings called by the union in other cities where plants of American Woolens are located, were taking similar action.

The proposal is to submit a demand for return of the 12 1/2 per cent wage cut of a year ago, plus an additional amount. It came after negotiations with the company came to a deadlock.

If the company turns down the arbitration proposal, leaders of the union said, a strike will remain as the only alternative.

Textile Union Hits Granting Mill Exemption

Protest to Wage-Hour Administration on Use of Learners' Code

A protest against the learners' exemption granted the Abbott Worsted Company of Forge Village, Mass., was lodged by the Textile Workers Union of America here Saturday with the Wage-Hour Administration.

The protest, the first under the learners' order for the textile industry, points out that the woolen industry was specifically excluded from the scope of the order.

In a letter to Merle G. Vincent, chief of the Exemptions Section of the Federal agency, Emil Rieve, president of the union, declared that the worsted yarn mill "is not entitled to the exemption" because the learners' "order specifically prohibits the granting of a learner exemption for employees in the woolen and worsted industry."

The TWUA president added that "there are thousands of unemployed textile workers in the immediate vicinity." The order, issued by the Wage Hour Administration, in addition to excluding the woolen and worsted branch of the industry, also prohibited the employment of learners by an employer in a vicinity where experienced workers are available.

Negro Schools Get Less Funds From the Rich

(Special to Inter-Continental News)

DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 10.—

Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, speaking here last Thursday at the conference on education sponsored by the Association for Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes, declared that while philanthropists are becoming less and less willing to spend money for Negro education.

Mr. White said that wealthy white philanthropists are withdrawing their support because they do not wish to disturb the status quo.

CIO Fishermen Hold Rally, Defy Vigilantes

Reactionaries Take Hint from U. S. Attorney Anderson of Minneapolis, as He Screams 'Moscow'

By Ellen McGrath

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 10.—Spread of vigilantism in Washington State has been beaten back Thursday night by a CIO International Union which defied attempts to prevent a mass meeting on civil rights, and a peaceful assemblage was held.

Marauders swept down on the Finnish Workers Hall in Aberdeen recently and wrecked the three-story building in the worst outbreak of terrorism since the infamous Centralia Massacre in 1919.

Announcement by the International Fishermen and Allied Workers of America that they were sponsoring a mass meeting on civil rights during their convention was followed by warnings that the meeting would be broken up.

In a vigorous resolution the CIO union denounced the move to suppress civil rights with threats of violence, placed responsibility for the Aberdeen outrage on the Ku Klux Klan and the more recently organized "Better Business Builders" and warned:

"If the Aberdeen outrage goes unchallenged, it will encourage these groups to launch a state wide campaign against organized labor and all progressive organizations, which will wipe out all civil liberties in the state and pave the way for repetition of the infamous Centralia Massacre."

COSTIGAN SPEAKS

State officials were informed of the threatened violence and warned that, should American justice break down, federal authorities would be urged to act.

A thorough probe of the forces behind the vigilante organizations was demanded by the delegates. "These vigilantes, while making their activities as an attack against Communism, showed their true intent as a group which seeks to destroy all organized labor by attacking the residence and meeting places of both AFL and CIO unionists," the convention declared.

Howard Costigan, executive secretary of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, keynoted the mass meeting with the words: "Unless we protect our civil rights, our right to speak, there will be no protection against war."

Costigan, a high school student in Centralia during the Centralia massacre, warned that the outbreak in Aberdeen was the forerunner of terrorism to come—unless American citizens mobilized for peace with greater dispatch than they had ever mobilized for war.

"Unless we wipe out poverty now, we may be in war next year," Harold J. Pritchett, president of the International Woodworkers of America, was among the speakers who included officials from Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

'Mom I'm Hungry'



FLOUR AND APPLES for Cleveland's starving unemployed were supplied by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation when local and state administration ignored their plight. These scanty stocks are almost exhausted and no provision has as yet been made to ensure a further food supply.

Dies Exposed on Failure to Probe Peonage in South

'Abolish Peonage Committee' Sends Wire to Witchhunter, Asking Him to Reveal Stand on Conditions of Negroes in South

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—The un-American Dies Committee which has no intention of investigating conditions of peonage and slavery in the South, was asked last week in a telegram from the recently formed Abolish Peonage Committee to clarify its stand on the matter.

The telegram, drafted at the first meeting of the committee, was signed by Henry Huff, attorney for three Negro fugitives who were saved from being sent back to Georgia, and William L. Patterson, executive secretary.

The telegram pointed that the Georgia Baptist convention, which had passed a resolution condemning peonage. Three Negro fugitives who were held in peonage in Georgia for more than 20 years were present at the meeting and told of the brutal and uncivilized treatment which still exist on the peonage farms.

Colonies of Negro refugees from the Santa Cruz plantation, Oglethorpe County, Georgia, are said to exist in several cities in the north.

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How Your Defense Loans Are Guarded

Gurley Flynn Answers Eight Questions, Tells How Defense Committee Operates, and What Measures Protect the Loaners

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, secretary of the Defense Committee for Civil Rights to Communists at 799 Broadway, answers eight questions below from comrades and sympathizers who are loaning money for the committee's bail fund.

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

As I sit at my desk in the office of the Defense Committee for Civil Rights to Communists, in Room 525, 799 Broadway, I meet many of the fine members of the working class who come in daily to help with their bit.

I too answer that ever busy phone (Algonquin 4-6799) with calls for advice on how help can be given. A number of questions have been asked so often that I feel I should answer them now to everyone who is going to help our defense committee to defend our Communist Party leaders who are fighting for all our civil rights and against the war. So here goes:

QUESTION: What can the committee use for bail, just cash or stocks, etc.?

ANSWER: Actual cash, or U. S. Government Bonds are all that can be used. Stocks or bonds, mortgages, and even the \$50 U. S. Baby Bonds cannot be used.

QUESTION: If a friend, who asked me to lend some of his cash and also a bond, merely wants the committee to list his loan as coming from a friend, is it ok?

ANSWER: If you have not got his name of his address, we of course will be glad to list the loan as just coming from a friend. We shall then merely make out the loan certificate we issue to each person making a loan, as the loan of "A Friend of Civil Liberties."

QUESTION: Do you accept donations as well as loans?

ANSWER: It is imperative, yes, most important, that we get LOANS at this time. We need a minimum of \$100,000 and have little more than a third of this amount. However we shall also need many thousands of dollars for legal defense and we will gladly accept any contribution, but we are stressing our great need of loans at this time.

QUESTION: Will you accept a loan of say only ten dollars?

ANSWER: Yes, of course. We are, however, trying to raise 1,000 loans of \$100 each and to date have gotten only too few of these. Even if a friend has \$1,000 in cash or a bond, he should come in and surprise us. A few have, I might say.

QUESTION: Will I get my money back?

ANSWER: All cash and bonds will be returned in full, including interest, when the work of the Committee is finished. Any person may have his cash loan returned, if demanded, on 30 days notice, but if possible sooner. If a person's bond is up for bail, the Committee agrees to make every possible effort to substitute others and to return cash or bonds as agreed upon.

QUESTION: If a person, for whom bail has been put up, is fined, can the bail be taken by the Court to pay the fine?

ANSWER: No, the bail cannot be taken.

QUESTION: I think that I can make a loan, but want to discuss it with some one.

ANSWER: We will be glad to have our representative call on you at your convenience.

QUESTION: If I lend a bond, can I get the dividends?

ANSWER: Yes, the dividend coupons will be collected and given to the owner as they come due.

Celery Workers In Calif. Win Wage Increases

Filipino Farm Workers Get Five Cent Hourly Raise in Strike

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 10 (FP).—Two thousand striking Filipino celery workers returned to work on nine of 12 struck ranches after winning a 5-cent hourly wage increase. Seven hundred strikers are still out.

The settlement incurred the wrath of the Coordinating Committee of Growers and Shippers, which bitterly denounced the action.

The action followed a move by the Associated Farmers, which took upon itself the right to censure the Philippine government. The A.F. wired President Manuel Quezon and Philippine Commissioner J. M. Elzalde demanding that Francisco Varona, aide to Elzalde, cease leading pickets around celery sheds where Japanese strikebreakers were at work.

A previous attempt to settle the strike was halted when the AFL teamsters' and cannery workers' unions informed growers that it would boycott them if an agreement was signed with the Filipino As'n. (unaffiliated) and the United Cannery Agricultural Packing and Allied Workers (CIO). In order to secure a settlement the CIO union left the Filipinos to bargain for themselves.

Finnish Soldier Tells of White Guard Crimes

Came Over to Red Army; Describes Destruction by Mannerheim Forces

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Speaking through an interpreter, he said: "But I have some letters from relatives. Read them, if you want to know how we live."

One was a letter from his mother. At one point she wrote:

"I have to use somebody else's horse for carting hay, because mine was taken away from me."

Another letter was from a brother, also a soldier. The following is an excerpt:

"I am surprised that you haven't been punished as yet; out here not a day passes but some one is punished. Things are bad at home; I would like to go there to see how the poor people are getting along, but cannot get a leave of absence."

The letters were worn to shreds and had evidently been read and re-read with bitterness.

Carefully, and trying not to tire the prisoner, the interpreter informed him of the new People's Government in Finland. Instantly the prisoner was at attention, as though for the first time in his life he heard such words.

Trying to rise on his pillow he nodded and smiled as the meaning became clear to him.

Calif. Federation Asks Full Rights For Billings

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 10 (FP).—The State Federation of Labor has appealed to Gov. Culbert L. Olson to grant full civil rights to Warren K. Billings. Numerous AFL and CIO unions have already made the same request.

The governor says he is still studying his legal powers in the matter, and will do everything possible to give Billings a full pardon.

Investigate Coast Vigilantes



Sen. Elbert D. Thomas, D. Utah, member of the Senate Civil Liberties Committee which recently opened an investigation in San Francisco of the vicious anti-labor activities of the Associated Farmers. At right is Henry H. Fowler, chief counsel for the committee.

LABOR'S NEEDIEST CASES

(Thumb-nail sketches of labor's prisoners and their families, prepared by the International Labor Defense, which is now conducting its annual Christmas drive to aid them. Funds for Christmas for labor's prisoners and families should be sent to the I.L.D., 112 E. 19th St., New York City, or any regional or local I.L.D. office.)

MRS. ELIZABETH BALDWIN AND NAOMI, CARRIE LEE, CHRISTINE AND JUNIOR

(8th Xmas on I.L.D. Relief Rolls)

Naomi is 12, Junior 11—Carrie Lee 9, and Christine 7. And the U. S. Government says there is no need to prosecute Harlan Coal Operators because peace reigns in Bloody Harlan. When they were babies—back in 1932—their father Julius Baldwin, 26 years old, was killed in Bloody Harlan. It happened this way. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin were on the yard of the Harlan County Strike Relief Soup Kitchen. It was after months of the most famous coal strike in Kentucky's history. It was evening and they were about ready to leave for the day and go home

to the babies. But a car drove up the road, stopped at the fence and without a moment's notice bullets began to fly. Julius Baldwin died instantly.

Mrs. Baldwin and the kids have been on the relief rolls of the I.L.D. ever since. They have had to move repeatedly from whatever place they learned to call home and now they live in Tennessee. The only happiness at Xmas these children remember always came from the I.L.D.—as well as the only decent shoes and warm clothes. You will help us see that they are not let down this year, won't you?

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America's ace reporter will also prove in his documented indictment

Nine Ships in Last 72 Hours Toll in Sea War

Mines, Torpedoes and Weather Take Heavy Toll; Many Lives Lost

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or torpedoed. The British Admiralty tonight put into effect a form of "martial law" for the sea highways serving the British coasts. Commanders of coastal areas are given authority to divert traffic from one sea lane to another, and from one port to another.

With winter weather closing in, Royal Air Force coastal patrols are becoming increasingly difficult. The submarine's favorite hour to attack ships is at dawn or dusk, when there is just enough light to see the outline of its victim but not enough to reveal the submarine's periscope. Dawn air patrols now are experiencing terrible flying weather.

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"From now on the Finnish and Karelian peoples will begin to live as one family, together they will build a new life, independently and without the Ojanders, Tanners, Erkko and other traitors to the Finnish people."

Teachers Underpaid

ALBANY, Dec. 10 (FP).—More than 7,000 of the state's \$3,000 public school teachers are receiving salaries below the minimum set by the state labor department, the New York State Teachers Assn. reports.

California Finns Pledge Aid to People's Government

BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 10 (ICN).—The Finnish Federation of Berkeley has announced unanimous adoption of a resolution supporting the People's Government of Finland, headed by Otto Kuusinen, following a discussion at a meeting of local Finnish people last night.

The discussion was led by Matti Witaala, member of the Finnish Federation, national executive committee, who outlined the history of Finland during the past 30 years and described the character of the present conflict between Finnish White Guards and the Finnish People's Government, assisted by the Red Army of the Soviet Union.

The resolution adopted pledged all moral aid and support to the government headed by Kuusinen, and the gathering elected a committee of five to help rally support for that government in the Berkeley community.

Coughlin's Agents Here Invited to 'Masses' Trial

Father Curran, Scanlon Challenged to Attend Public Trial Thursday When Spivak Will Present Indictments on Fascist Radio Priest

The editors of New Masses today announced that an invitation has been extended to two of Father Coughlin's major representatives in New York City—Patrick Scanlon, editor of the Brooklyn Tablet, and Rev. Edward Lodge Curran of the International Catholic Truth Society—to appear when John L. Spivak presents his documented indictment of Father Coughlin at a Public Trial of the radio priest on Thursday night, December 14 at the Manhattan Center, 34th St. and 8th Ave.

Both Father Curran and Patrick Scanlon were invited by the editor of New Masses to submit from the platform of the Manhattan Center Public Trial of Father Coughlin any evidence of dissent that they might have to counter the documented evidence which will be submitted by John L. Spivak, crack New Masses reporter and investigator.

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that Father Coughlin conspired with Henry Ford through the auto magazine's spy-chief, Harry Bennett, and Homer Martin to smash the unity of the United Automobile Workers, C. I. O. in Detroit. Grave charges of anti-Semitism, meeting with Nazi bundists, and other sensational data will also be revealed for the first time by Spivak at the Thursday night New Masses "Court of Public Opinion."

General admission to the public meeting will be 40 cents. Reserved admission is \$1.00. Tickets to the reserved section are available at the Workers Bookstore, 50 East 13th St. and at the office of New Masses, 461 Fourth Avenue.

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FINNISH WORKERS' HERO, ANTIKAINEN, LED IN NATION'S FIGHT FOR LIBERTY

Stefan Pricel, French revolutionary author, yesterday began his story of Toivo Antikainen, the beloved Finnish working class leader jailed by the Finnish White-Guards, by describing his youth, how he rose to leadership in the revolutionary movement in Finland, helped to found the Finnish Communist Party and of his role in the foundation of Soviet Karelia.

INSTALLMENT II.

By Stefan Pricel

A large part of Soviet Karelia at that time was in the hands of the White-Guards. The headquarters of the Red Army worked out a plan designed to crush the expedition of the Finnish irregulars by one blow. An attack against the rear of the foe was to capture the staff and the points of liaison between the command and the soldiers. Antikainen was entrusted with completing this operation, to be made by a company of skiers.

ROUGH COUNTRY

This meant a 600-mile ski march in less than a month in the far northern winter. Realize that this meant covering more than 20 miles a day.

"This is difficult terrain. There

are no roads. Thick forests must be climbed. There is no time for detours. The uphill climb can be done during the day, but the downhill runs must be made under cover of night.

They cannot wear sports outfits. Soldiers must wear uniforms. They are often compelled to spend the night in mid-forest, and therefore must wear fur-lined overcoats. Each man carries 10 days' provisions, an army rifle with 200 cartridges, and two hand grenades. Machine gun parts were distributed among the soldiers.

They advance to near the Arctic Circle. It is a fearful winter. At night the thermometer falls to 60 degrees below zero. It is hard going, and songs would make it easier. It is forbidden to sing. It is forbidden to swear in a loud voice when you fall. Absolutely silence is required, for if the enemy discovered it, too soon the little company would be done for.

This Red column of 120 men have slipped around the White front. It is far behind the enemy lines, which must be cut from their commanding staff, their supply and munitions depots.

Now they must cover not 20 but

40 miles a day. And only a few hours for sleep. And then another stage of 40 miles begins. After having made five or six 40 mile runs in succession, these men will have to attack at dawn not knowing whether the enemy is 300 or 600 strong, or how many machine guns and cannon he has.

Obviously the little group have no cannon. When they will have defeated the enemy—and if he is not defeated they are all lost—it will be deep within territory held by the enemy. The group will then have to reach the nearest village, 25 miles away, by forced marches, to return to the attack; and after having done this a dozen times, if everything succeeds, these men will be able to take a little rest.

We know that they did succeed, these 120 men of the ski company commanded by Toivo Antikainen. The enemy staff and munitions in the village of Kilmasjaervi was destroyed. The White-Guards' most important communications cut, 150 rifles, thousands of cartridges, a medical unit, and other material captured. The company counted eight dead and ten wounded. The intervention of the White-Guards was liquidated.

The Danish writer Martin Anderson Nexo has given a description of Antikainen and his comrades which reflects the almost legendary admiration of the Scandinavian people for this heroic figure.

A HERO TO NEXO

"Antikainen and his comrades," Anderson Nexo said, "fought along the same lines as the Whites, but their goal was different and greater than that of the irregulars. They did not fight to subject men and exploit them, but to liberate them. And they dare to call men like these traitors!"

"Antikainen is one of the rare men who set minds afire wherever they go. He swept all Karelia into enthusiasm. Wherever he appeared, against the English at Murmanak, against Yudenich, against the irregulars, the fortunes of war always turned to the side of the Karelians."

"Legends are told about him and his battles have become myths. Luck and genius in battle were united in him."

"Many poems and songs have been born out of his heroism. Wherever you go in Karelia, his name is on the people's tongues like the heroes of the Kalevala."

That is Toivo Antikainen.

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A Communist Dies At the Front Line

Dr. N. Bethune Was an
Uncompromising Foe
of People's Oppressors

By F. James

In the untimely death of Dr. Norman Bethune, in war-torn China, progressive humanity and the advanced section of the working class have lost a great and noble man. He died in the performance of his duty while operating on a wounded Chinese soldier. From the wound of this unknown fighter for freedom he contracted blood poisoning which ended his brave and useful life.

Dr. Bethune was a famous Canadian surgeon with an eminent reputation and authority. His mature scientific knowledge and professional skill afforded him a lucrative practice and honored positions in the field of surgical medicine. This gifted surgeon, however, was above all a man of the people with a great passion for justice and a profound love of humanity which led him to the Communist Party and generated an irresistible desire to place his knowledge and skill at the service of the front rank fighters for justice and democracy.

He had supplemented his mastery of medical science with a keen understanding of the social sciences. Having become a Marxist he sought to apply his professional knowledge and skill as a weapon on the side of fighting, progressive humanity. He understood the relationship of science to the class struggle. In Spain and in China he followed, comforted and healed the armies of freedom battling against oppression and imperialism.

When the fascist-imperialist hordes invaded Spain, Dr. Bethune volunteered his invaluable services with the same modesty and conviction as did thousands of brave and determined American and Canadian workers. In Spain his strong and skillful hands healed the gaping wounds wrought by fascist shell and shrapnel. He devised and organized the field hospital for blood transfusion, where he established the system of obtaining, classifying and preserving bottled blood, thus making a historic contribution to the theory and practice of treating wounded soldiers and saving thousands of lives.

When free Spain rises again in triumph the name of Doctor Norman Bethune shall be perpetuated among its outstanding friends and fighters.

When illness forced him to leave Spain, he read of Japan's brutal assault on China. The imperialist war was spreading and new millions were being involved in its orbit. The great people of China were rising and fighting for their liberation against imperialist aggression and enslavement.

Dr. Bethune came to New York to consult Earl Browder on the new world development and the field of his future activity. Comrade Browder with his usual unerring estimation of men and events urged Bethune to go to China. The choice was wisely made.

AGAINST ODDS

The initial stages of China's great struggle for liberation were conducted under most adverse conditions. Not only were the new Chinese armies ill-armed and hastily trained, but the medical service and equipment was primitive and sadly inadequate for the millions of newly recruited volunteers. There was, and still is, an unbelievable shortage of hospitals, doctors, nurses, skill, medicines and sanitary materials. The extremely low living standards, the primitive means of transportation and the terrible poverty of the people were sorely aggravated by Japan's savage and destructive war.

Only the hardest and passionately devoted foreign doctors could survive and be useful under such adverse conditions. Only those with the deepest faith in China's cause and a profound love for its people could adapt their advanced technical training to the primitive materials and the vast needs of China's brave armies. Only the noblest of men could renounce the ease and comfort of Western civilization and plunge into the unbelievable hardships of attending to China's wounded warriors.

Comrade Norman Bethune was such a man. Bethune departed for China with full understanding of the tasks and conditions, fortified for all adversities with his deep Communist convictions and an unwavering sense of duty to his class and his people. He proceeded to the most active sector of China's far-flung battle lines. He gave his services where the greatest need existed, where the most bitter resistance was offered to the aggressor by the veteran Eighth Route Army.

Before leaving for China, Comrade Bethune laid down only one condition to Comrade Browder and received a solemn promise that it would be carried out. This was that in the event that he should die in the remote fastnesses of China's fighting fronts that the world should know that he was a Communist.

During almost two years of work in China he maintained close relations with the Communist Party of China and corresponded regularly with Tim Buck and Earl Brow-

der, seeking their advice and aid for the great work he was performing heroically and well.

In the not too distant future when a free and democratic China is firmly established, the Chinese co-workers of Doctor Bethune will write a monumental volume describing the simple and truly heroic work of this great Communist surgeon.

A FRONT-LINE FIGHTER

This eminent surgical specialist who could command munificent fees and salary in America gave his entire time and skill to the Chinese people freely and without charge. His salary, like that of other specialists in the Communist-led Eighth Route Army consisted of the inner satisfaction that they discharged their duty to their people and their class.

He cheerfully accepted the unbelievable hardships, the meagre food and the make-shift shelters of the common soldier. He rejected offers to head the centrally located hospitals, preferring to carry on his work near the shifting front lines where he could organize and train forces for mobile surgical units that would follow the famed guerrilla fighters and attend to their wounded virtually on the scene of battle.

In the obscure mountain regions of China as in Spain he made valuable contributions to the practice of military medicine. His guiding principle being to give medical aid and especially to operate on the graver wounds as rapidly as possible and thus save the lives of common soldiers and avoid the agonies of long waiting and tortuous travel over mountain roads. He taught his assistants the art and skill of operation, blood-transfusion, bone-setting, etc., with the most elementary instruments available in the remote villages and mountain regions.

Comrade Bethune set a high standard of service, efficiency and self-sacrifice that won him the love, respect and admiration of the men and commanders of the world-famed Eighth Route Army. He shared all the hardships and the dangers of front line fighters. With his own hands he performed hundreds of major operations, often without anesthetics, often by candle-light, often in open fields with enemy bullets flying and bombs bursting. In the course of actual practice he trained new forces, wrote books for army medical studies and schools and designed and built condensed mobile operating units.

A TRUE INTERNATIONALIST

His reports on his work are models of simple description of accomplishments under terrible handicaps. Each report to the United States and Canada beseeched the friends of China to send needed equipment, medicines and food. Since so little of this was forthcoming he was planning, just before his death, to make a flying trip to America to raise the necessary funds to carry on his work further.

Met Death While Operating on Wounded Chinese Soldier

The brave people of China became his own people. He was a true internationalist. He served the bravest fighters for free Spain. He served and fought side by side with the finest flower of the Chinese people. He gave his life that China might be free. He conceived the freedom of China, as a great step towards the emancipation of mankind from the horrors of exploitation and wars. In his life work, as in his death, he vindicated and ennobled the honorable calling of a Communist. We can best honor and perpetuate his memory by making it possible for his Chinese comrades and co-workers to continue the valuable medical work he carried on so well.

Trials of WPA Workers Aid Minn. Tories

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—Coming in the wake of the prosecutions by the Department of Justice against 163 indicted WPA workers arrested in July's strike against Woodrum Bill provisions, is drastic slashing of relief standards here and greater difficulties encountered by unions to renew agreements.

The city's relief standard has already been cut below the general state standard. Encouraged by the hysteria against labor that U. S. Attorney Victor Anderson who is prosecuting the WPA cases, has fanned, employers are showing a reluctance to continue collective bargaining relations, business agents of A. F. of L. and CIO union report.

Of the 163 indicted for "conspiracy" cases, 125 still remain to be tried. They will come up in February.

Anderson in his rebuttal speech asking for a conviction as the trial of a batch of 25 WPA workers neared the end, sought to turn the issue into one of "Moscow vs. U. S." although there wasn't even a remote connection between those on trial and Communism, while leaders among them are officials of A. F. of L. unions.

"Minneapolis, so long as I am here, is not going to be the Moscow of America," he said as he dramatically turned to the jury.

"I have no fear of invasion of America by a foreign foe. I am concerned with conditions within our borders. Forty seven states are watching Minnesota and this jury."

There is no doubt from the nature of these remarks that the trial here is looked upon as an opener for a type of prosecution of labor that is already spreading and has become a serious menace.

DR. BETHUNE'S LAST REPORT-- A SAGA OF A HEROIC CHINA

To General Nieh, Trustee Committee; Tim Buck, Gen. Secy., Communist Party of Canada; Earl Browder, Gen. Secy., Communist Party, USA; Dr. Robert Lim.

Dear Comrades:

This report will be a survey of the work of the Canadian-American Mobile Medical Unit for the period from Feb. 21 to July 1, 1939—a little over four months spent working in Central Hopei under very active conditions of guerrilla warfare.

During the four-month period, our Unit was in four battles—at Liu Han (at the crossing of the Hu to the Ho) March 14 to 19; at Ta Tuan Ting on April 15, at Chi Hui on April 26 to 28, and at Sung Chia Chung on May 18. In none of these engagements was the Unit ever farther than 8 li (less than 3 miles) from the firing line and at times even closer.

The total number of operations performed in the field were 315, not including first aid dressings. The total distances travelled were 1504 li (500 miles). Thirteen operating rooms and dressing stations were set up and two new Mobile Operating Units were organized. During this period two training courses were given to doctors and nurses.

The month of April was our busiest month at the battle of Chi Hui, where out of a total of 400 Japanese engaged, 340 were either killed or wounded. Our casualties were 280. Our Unit was situated 7 li from the firing line and operated on 115 cases in 60 hours' continuous work. The Unit was very nearly captured at the village of Yanc Chia Chuang. With ten minutes warning at 5 A.M. we left one end of the village as 400 of the enemy entered. All the staff and equipment were saved owing to the fact that we were all mounted and carried all equipment in saddle bags. The patients were either hidden in straw or carried on the

backs of civilians. No patients were captured.

Two Japanese wounded prisoners were operated on and ten days later both were returned to the enemy.

NO ANAESTHETICS

Fifteen operations were performed without anaesthetic, as we ran out of chloroform. We also ran short of antiseptics and gauze. At Chi Hui and at Sung Chia the temples in which our operating rooms were located were under artillery fire but we had no casualties.

We were able to construct a new form of transport for Field Hospitals equipment to carry all necessary for an operating room, a dressing room and a drug room. All this equipment sufficient for 100 operations, 500 dressings and making up 500 prescriptions can be carried on two mules. A description of this transport will be found in the book which I am writing called "A Manual of Organization and Technique for Divisional Field Hospitals in Guerrilla War."

I enclose expense accounts up to date. (Here follows an itemized account of expenditures for drugs and medical equipment, totalling \$1,000 (Chinese). In addition Dr. Bethune included the following item:

(Personal expenditures (food, etc., as I cook my own meals.)
April \$30.30 (Chinese)
May \$21.68
June \$18.62

These accounts are certified by the manager of the unit, which certifications are attached.

PLEADS FOR AID

Why, oh why, are we not receiving more help from both China and abroad? Think of it!—200,000 troops, 25,000 wounded always in hospitals, over 1,000 battles fought in the past year and only five Chinese graduate doctors, 50 Chinese untrained "doctors" and one foreigner to do all this work!

I am convinced that the education of the doctors and nurses in this region is the main task of any foreign unit—which means the establishment of an efficient Medical Unit. Such a school can be only set up by the expenditure of about \$2,000. It will then need a minimum of \$3,000 a month to keep it going—counting 200 pupils and a staff of 100 at \$10 a month each for maintenance.

Another \$1,000 is not too much to spend on setting a small model hospital of 100 beds to be run as an adjunct to the school for teaching purposes. I am aware of the pressing need for money in the region and feel that an increased effort must be made to bring more money in, both from China and abroad. . . . I have come to the conclusion that I must leave the region temporarily, and return to America to raise the guaranteed sum of \$1,000 (gold) a month that the Medical School needs. How else can that money be raised except by a widespread appeal from one such as myself who knows the needs of this region thoroughly after spending more than 15 months here?

With comradely greetings,

Norman Bethune, M.D.
Medical Advisor to the
Chin-Cha-Chi Military District.

A.L.P. Paper Out Today

First Issue of 'New York Citizen'; Organ of N. Y. County Committee Has Hard Hitting Articles, Editorials, Slogans

The first issue of the "New York Citizen," organ of the New York County Committee of the American Labor Party, will make its appearance today, Eugene P. Connolly, County Committee Secretary, announced yesterday.

It is eight pages, tabloid size, and will appear regularly on the first and 15th of every month, Connolly said. While remaining a party organ, it will address its appeal primarily to the lay voter of New York City and State.

This editorial policy is reflected in the first issue. It carries a bold, half-page "Declarations of Principles" and a page of club notes, but the majority of its news columns are devoted to material designed to interest and inform the casual voter.

The major article in the first issue is a 3,000-word analysis of the recent councilmanic vote on a city-wide basis, the conclusion from which is that the factional struggle engineered by Alex Rose, State Secretary and David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, aided Tammany Hall.

REJECT RED-BAITING

Distribution of the vote, however, was not unfavorable to the party, the analysis shows. Totals of the citywide first-choice votes for prominent ALP candidates (including Michael Quill, ALP member running as an independent councilmanic candidate in the Bronx) shows that the ALP is still in a balance of power position with a quarter of a million vote.

Experiences of the first three years of the party's history, the analysis concludes, has taught the membership two things:

"First, the voters will reject red-baiting as a vote catching device.

"Second, unless the party is democratically controlled, as in New York County where the ALP vote registered its smallest drop,

a bureaucratic leadership may divert it into the blind alley of factionalism."

A hint as to the party's next real struggle is dropped in the concluding paragraph of the vote analysis. It declares:

"The voters the party has today, a group of experienced, tested election district workers affiliated with a 100 or more district clubs in the city will seize the opportunity offered by the spring primary to build anew on stronger and firmer foundations."

On the editorial page is a three-column cartoon, "The Crossroads," by Reginald Marsh, one of the country's most celebrated artists.

Other articles are: "They Sabotaged Our Campaign, Too—The Upstate Lowdown," by Shasmas O'Sheel, late ALP candidate for sheriff of Dutchess County; "Alp, The True Heir of Lincoln," and an editorial urging extension of the Federal Post Stamp Plan of New York City.

Application for Flag Swap Withdrawn

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (UP).—

The Maritime Commission announced today that the U. S. Lines has withdrawn its application to transfer nine vessels to the Panamanian flag.

The company indicated that it would file another formal application seeking approval for transfer of registry elsewhere for eight of its vessels.



HOW TO WASH COTTON VELVET

YOU can keep your cleaning bills for cotton velvets down to a minimum if you learn how to wash them.

First, make a thick suds of mild soap in lukewarm water. Then dip the velvet in and out of the soapy water until you think it's clean. Don't rub or squeeze the material.

Repeat the process with new suds if the jacket is very dirty, and rinse the garment in lukewarm water, being sure to change the water often until all soap has disappeared.

Don't wring the velvet dry; lay it between bath towels until most of the water is absorbed in the towels. Then shake out the jacket, holding the inside of the fabric to prevent washing of the nap. Hang the garment on a wooden hanger where there is a good circulation of air, and when it is almost dry, brush the cloth in the natural direction of the threads with a medium stiff brush.

It is best not to iron the velvet.

HealthTalks On This Week's Radio Program

Health talks scheduled for this week include:

The Fight Against Tuberculosis—WNYC—Monday—11:45 A.M.

Your Child's Christmas—WBX—Tuesday—4 P.M.

Why We Must Sleep—WNYC—Wednesday—11:45 A.M.

What Is Anemia?—WARD—Wednesday—12 Noon.

A Safeguard for Babies—WLTH—Thursday—12:30 P.M.

Gifts for the Medicine Cabinet—WWRL—Thursday—1 P.M.

but to hang it over a steaming kettle or in a shower bath filled with steam. Another way to steam the garment is to wrap a moist cloth over a hot iron, and pass the fabric over the steam. If you are lucky enough to own a steam iron, lay the velvet side down on the iron board, and pass the iron over the fabric, holding it close to the cloth, but not on it.

THE MAGNA CARTA HAD A WORD FOR CONSUMERS

How to get standard measures is a problem as old as the Magna Carta, says the Consumers' Guide, publication of the Consumers' Council Division of the AAA.

"When King John at Runnymede in 1215 signed the Magna Carta, he promised to install in England a system of uniform weights and measures," writes the Guide.

"One clause of this historic document reads: 'There shall be one measure of wine and one of ale through our whole realm; and one measure of corn, that is to say, the London quarter; and one breadth of dyed cloth, and russets, and habergeons, that is to say, two ells within the lists; and it shall be of weights as it is of measure.'"

"The United States is some 724 years behind this achievement, since it still does not have legislative making one system of weights and measures mandatory throughout the country."

"While the United States has been lagging behind, the world has gone ahead until today consumers are now asking not only for standards of quantity but also standards of quality for the products they buy."

HOW TO TELL A GOOD TOMATO

Tomatoes are one of the best gifts to diet and to taste.

Eat them for their rich supply of

Vitamin A and Vitamin C. They are also a good source of Vitamin B.

One test for a mature, fully ripe tomato is to cut across the top of the fruit with a sharp knife. If the knife cuts through the seeds, the tomato is immature.

If the tomato is mature and ready for serving, the seeds will slip aside from the knife and will not be cut.

"Look for smoothness on the skin of the fruit. The smoother the skin, the less waste there is. Damage caused by dirt, bruises, cuts,

sunscald, sunburn, puffiness, growth cracks, scars, and insects reduces the amount of the tomato that is usable.

Such defects do not always make the tomato entirely worthless. Some blemishes that mar the appearance do not affect the taste of the fruit. The result is lower prices and sometimes market bargains. Select these buys carefully in order to get the least possible waste in serving. And remember, too, that injured tomatoes must be used immediately; they do not keep for any length of time."

ATTENTION! SILVERWARE OFFER EXTENDED TO SAT. DEC. 30

Due to many requests that we continue the silverware offer during the Christmas season, it has been extended until Saturday, December 30th. Those who need more than one set to complete their service, or for Christmas gifts, can obtain as many as they need with only 7 Silverware Certificates.

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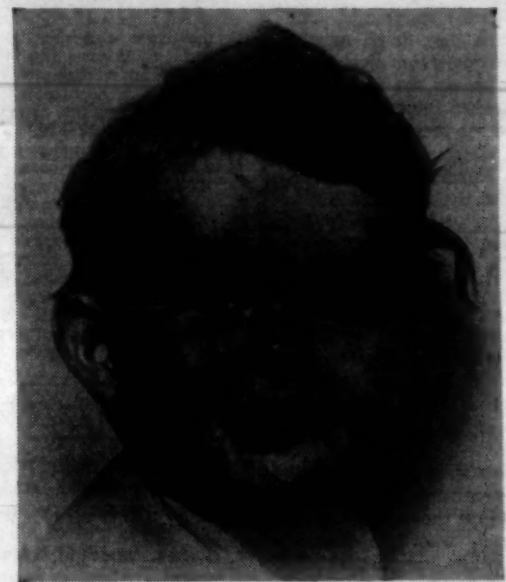


PHOTO BY VERA LEFFER

Don't Gamble With Her Future!

DON'T buy rose-colored insurance for which you won't be able to pay. DON'T leave her unprotected at a time when she'll need protection most. DESPITE ALL that the radio spinners and so-called insurance experts claim, a survey made by FORTUNE magazine and published in their May, 1931, issue shows that "Nine out of every ten policies taken out are lapsed or surrendered before they accomplish their original purpose."

This happens because people buy compulsory savings with their Life Insurance!

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As a housewife, she has \$500, disability benefits up to \$400 and T. B. benefits of \$20 a week for thirty weeks.

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per month

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She has a \$250 life insurance policy which only costs 15c a month.

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per month

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Finland's New People's Democratic Government

Although the Wall Street press is engaging in a deceitful slander when it attacks the People's Republic of Democratic Finland, as a "puppet government," actually Wall Street is an expert on the subject of puppet regimes.

Just think of all the occasions when American imperialism has set up its own puppet governments in Latin and South America, sometimes after an outright invasion as in Haiti, other times through coups d'etat financed by some Wall Street banking firm, and engineered by the State Department. And how quickly the Roosevelt Administration recognized the puppet Franco after he had been hoisted to power over a bleeding Spain by foreign bayonets!

As a matter of fact, among the outstanding examples of puppet governments, is the series of regimes that have followed one another in Finland ever since the ex-Czarist General Mannerheim, financed by London and Wall Street money, crushed the workers' republic in 1918 and massacred tens of thousands of Finnish people.

Such puppet governments have nothing in common with the People's Republic of Democratic Finland with which the Soviet Union has just signed a pact of mutual assistance. The Wall Street press can howl and shriek, but the fact remains that this government truly represents the will and interests of the people of Finland. It speaks for all those people who were gagged by the puppet regimes of Cajander, Rytty and Mannerheim. It speaks for those whose newspapers were ruthlessly suppressed only a few weeks ago when they dared urge that Finland and the Soviet Union live in peace and friendship. It speaks for the hundreds of thousands who were tortured and killed by Mannerheim and for their children.

Who can better claim to be a true son of Finland than Otto Kuusinen, who for years led the fight against the Czar and his general Mannerheim for the independence of Finland, only to see the truly independent republic overthrown in its infancy by foreign intervention? What better representative of Finland than this refugee from the Mannerheim terror? (Meanwhile, London and Paris dicker with the Hapsburg emigres who were driven out of their countries by the wrath of the people and consider placing them back on the thrones of Germany and Austria!)

For the first time since 1918, the people of Finland see the opportunity, with the help of the Red Army, to rid themselves once and for all of the puppets who were placed on their backs by foreign imperialists. This time they are going to have their independence and keep it forever.

Some Unions Get a Taste Of 'New Leader' Treachery

A gang of hooligans from the union-busting Business Men's outfits of Aberdeen, Washington, attacked a Communist meeting last week, wrecking the hall.

They pretended that they were "defending Finland." That was their camouflage. And since these vigilantes shouted anti-Communist slogans, they have just won the approval of the Socialist New Leader, weekly paper of the Louis Waldman crowd in New York.

Editorially, this week, the New Leader happily reports the vigilante violence as justifiable "reprisals" against "Bolshevik insolence."

But—

Four days after these hooligans of the "Better Business Builders" wrecked the Communist Party meeting, the very same thugs felt encouraged enough to invade the meeting halls of the A. F. of L. and CIO unions in Aberdeen, and hand an ugly beating to a Mr. H. I. Tucker, a union official who had even been campaigning on a red-baiting platform.

The Aberdeen pals of the Socialist "New Leader," making use of the anti-Communist hysteria fomented by lies about Finland, quickly turned from attacking the Communists to terrorizing every trade union and progressive element in Aberdeen.

It was only natural and inevitable that they would do so. Just as it was natural that the "New Leader" would support their violence and hooliganism masked by anti-Communist incitements.

In encouraging the violence against the Communists of Aberdeen, the "New Leader"

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

'Once the Truth Reaches the People,
Nothing Can Stop Them—'

New York City.

Editor, Sunday Worker:

Early this morning, while at my shoemaker's, engaged in a cozy chat, a Jewish woman suddenly rushed in, tremendously excited and waving aloft a letter. It had come from a sister in what was formerly Polish territory, now a part of the Soviet White Russian Republic. With tears of joy she read to us the contents.

First the letter told of the Nazi march into her town, which is heavily populated with Jews. For a while the Nazis spread chaos and destruction everywhere. They satisfied their every fiendish lust in an unbelievable orgy of barbarism. They killed, looted, burned, raped. They hurled the Jews out on the streets, burned their homes to the ground, even ripped the clothes off their back, and drove and whipped them through the town like cattle.

Then came the glorious Red Army. The Nazi scum sloughed off as before a clean breeze. From this point on, the letter reaches the highest pitch of ecstasy and lyricism in what the Soviets have done and are doing for them. Truckloads of food came rumbling into town; jobs were handed out; homes were rebuilt; schools reopened. In a word, there was nothing that the Soviets didn't do for the people. The whole town became one vast carnival of joy, with Red Army men and Soviet officials kissed and hugged everywhere.

All this while the shoemaker listened in open-eyed amazement. He had always been prejudiced against the Soviet Union, his mind poisoned and distorted by too much feeding on the lies of the capitalist rags. Well, you ought to see this man change. When I saw him again, later in the day, he was still thinking about that letter and was talking volubly and excitedly in a never-ending stream of praise for the Soviet Union. He was even talking about joining the Communist Party.

All this goes to prove that once the truth reaches the people, nothing can stop them. This is itself our assurance that world communism will triumph.

UNEMPLOYED WORKER.

Third Donation from Connecticut—

Danbury, Conn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed you will find a money order for eight dollars more, which makes our third donation. This also brings our average to 112 per cent for District 15, Danbury.

T. S.

Small Branch Raises Over
166 Per Cent of Quota—

Richmond County.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Although most of our branches have responded to the Drive in true Communist manner, one of them, Branch 2-S, is deserving of the greatest praise.

This branch of nine members, in a special field, with monthly salaries ranging from \$15 to \$100, with only one member earning more than that, was assigned a quota of \$60 by the county, because we knew that due to those special conditions practically all their quota would come from their own pockets. At the first branch meeting after the quota was assigned, the branch voted to raise it to \$80. Last week, at their meeting, taking into consideration the appeals in the "Daily," they added up the money already turned in, figured how much more they could possibly raise, and again boosted their quota—this time to \$100, of which \$97 is already in. The remaining few dollars will be accounted for at their next meeting, when they expect to go over even that quota by a couple of dollars.

Several of our branches have done good work, going over their quotas, activating more comrades in the work than heretofore, etc., but we really feel that Branch 2-S deserves the greatest praise, not merely for raising over 166 per cent of their quota, but for the manner in which they approached their task and the high degree of individual responsibility felt by every member of the Branch.

RICHMOND COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

becomes an accomplice to the labor-hating outrages visited immediately afterward on the trade unions of that town.

This is true of Aberdeen on a small scale. It is a thousand times true throughout the country wherever anti-Communist violence is encouraged and supported by the traitors within the ranks of the labor movement.

Anti-Communist violence always opens the door to widespread terrorism against every honest, progressive voice in the community.

"New Leader" incitements against the Communists are treachery to every trade unionist in the country. Aberdeen showed how that treachery works in practice.

A Disservice To the Labor Movement

Increases in wages to meet increased living costs are becoming an ever more pressing problem for the trade union movement. This is true notwithstanding certain unfortunate statements made recently by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Even assuming that conditions within the industry and the union and the fact that its present contracts have some time to run, made it advisable for the Amalgamated not to ask for increases at its recent meeting, the statement issued by the union certainly did a disservice to the rest of the labor movement.

It is the right and responsibility of the membership and the elected officials of the Amalgamated to decide when and if to put forward demands and just what those demands should be. But this does not give one union the right to provide employers with ammunition to be used against other unions. This, unfortunately, is what has happened.

Despite the Amalgamated statement, the problem of the rising cost of living, is confronting unions everywhere. Many unions have sought and already secured wage increases. Others are considering such steps. For the workers are finding that rising living costs are, in effect, slashing their pay envelopes. They do not intend to take these indirect wage cuts lying down.

THE MANNERHEIM LINE by Gropper



Women in the U.S.S.R. Lead Useful, Happy, Secure Lives Under Socialism

By Margaret Cowl

While all other countries have been unable to solve their economic and social problems, especially the problems of the home and the family, the Soviet Union has abolished unemployment. The elimination of unemployment made it possible to establish the economic independence of women and to secure the future of the children. By making this economic security universal, for the millions of its people, the Soviet Union strengthened the family and thereby enhanced the rapid progress of human welfare and the personal happiness of its people.

YOUTH AND OLD AGE

In the Soviet Union there is no child labor. It is compulsory to attend school up to the age of 18. Education from elementary school to university is free. Old people receive a pension, old-age benefits or other means of support at the expense of the government. Youth in the Soviet Union do not have to use their energy in a "Ham and Eggs" movement to help the old folks get their bread in their last days on earth. The abilities of the youth in the Soviet Union are put into creative work, into advancing science to the advantage of all the people of their country. "Youth has opportunity and old age is honored everywhere," is a popular song in every village, town and city. Women find great joy in doing the most careful work of guidance in the youth and children's movements in the Soviet Union.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POSITION OF WOMEN

In the 22 years of its existence the Soviet Union has done more for women than capitalist countries have accomplished since they have come into existence. The trend in the employment of women in the Soviet Union tells a story of the tremendous advance in the economic and social position of women in that country. When compared to what is happening to women in gainful occupations in the United States, where the status of women is more advanced than in other capitalist countries, the marvelous achievement of the women in the Soviet Union is all the more illuminating.

In 1926 there were three million women working outside the home in the cities in the Soviet Union. In 1937 this number increased to 9 million women 18 years and over. Under the capitalist regime in the old Russia, according to the census of the czarist government, 55 per cent of the employed women were servants in the homes of the wealthy; 25 per cent were farmhands on the estates of the landlords; only 15 per cent worked in the industries and a mere 3 per cent in educational work and in public health establishments.

WOMEN ACHIEVE ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE

By 1936, of all women employed in the cities in the Soviet Union, 39 per cent were in large-scale industry, in skilled and semi-skilled occupations where wages are highest; 24 per cent in other industries, in scientific work and in the arts; 15 per cent in catering occupations, in trade and in transport. The latter includes half a million women working on the railroads where 400 are station masters and 10,000 are railroad engineers and technicians. Twenty per cent are doctors and teachers. Only 2 per cent are

domestic workers. All women workers including domestic workers are covered by trade union agreements and by social insurance. The constitutional provisions guaranteeing women equal pay for equal work with men is applied where ever women work. No other country can compare with this achievement in the elevation of the economic status of women. The greatness of this most profound achievement is even more appreciated when one learns that there are now 19 million women working on the collective farms—in addition to those already mentioned in the cities—who receive equal pay for equal work with the men. In 1936 women received 35 per cent of the total income earned on the collective farms.

THE INSECURITY OF AMERICAN WOMEN

In the pamphlet "Women in the United States" published by the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Labor Department we find: There were 10,750,000 women 10 years and over, gainfully employed according to the 1930 government census. The greatest number of these 3,180,251 or 29.6 per cent were domestic workers and in personal services such as hotels, restaurants, laundries and beauty parlors; the second largest category or 1,995,830 were white collar workers, mostly office clerks; and 1,886,307 were in industries, the third largest category of women workers. The pamphlet states that women in the United States "... are so largely employed in low-wage industries and under conditions of exploitation." In most occupations women receive up to 50 per cent less pay than men for the same work. Latest information is that because of unemployment men are easing women out of white collar occupations and out of certain of the personal services and more women are forced to seek employment as domestic workers. Information for 1938 shows that 3 million women were totally unemployed, nearly one and a half million partially employed and about 400,000 were on WPA jobs.

WOMEN IN THE PROFESSIONS

In the United States there are practically no women engineers. In the entire world outside the Soviet Union there are about 10,000 women engineers. In the Soviet Union there are 100,000 women engineers, and an additional 12,500 women scientists and aviators. Dr. Lena Stern has equal status with men as a member of the Academy of Sciences of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Women in the Soviet Union not only exercise their right to higher education—women are 43 per cent of the students in the universities—but trained women do have the same opportunities as men to occupy and are members of the top-most executive positions in the country.

The position of university women in the United States is characterized by the remarks of Dr. Susan Kingsbury who in 1938 said: "but when we turn to the professors of education in our universities—they are men. The same thing is true of our scientific associations—how many women can you find on their boards? And how many programs of educational institutions can you find where not a single woman speaker is listed in an entire season? Quite a few." A survey conducted by university women in 1935 showed that women in the United States occupy lower posts

in executive positions of American institutions and receive lower salaries than men.

WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

The high value that is given to the work of women in public life is also seen in large numbers of women active in the various branches of the Soviet government. The highest body of the Soviet government, the Supreme Council (the two houses of government), has 180 women members or more than 15 per cent. In the Congress and Senate of the United States government, combined, there are about 2 per cent women members. In the Soviet Union there are an additional total of 1426 women deputies in the Supreme Soviet Councils of the various autonomous republics which are the governments of the minority peoples. Besides the many women deputies in the municipal and village soviets, there are one and a half million women members of the various government commissions that help to apply the decisions of the government in the communities and villages. From the results of the co-operation of 250,000 wives of railroad workers with the local government bodies, one can see how the democracy in the Soviet Union has profound relation to improving the welfare of the people.

The women helped to improve the transport industry and in return the government increased public services for the transport workers families in the form of 62 additional hospitals, 130 more medical centers, 620 maternity hospitals, 143 medical centers for women and children, 310 day nurseries, 71 sanatoria for children and two and one half million square meters of additional space was used for building new houses for workers in transport.

These achievements in economic, civic and political life of women have been made possible by the Soviet government which deliberately carried through a planned program to assist women in their household and in the care of their children, their families and in a persistent application of a policy which made motherhood not merely a personal matter, as is the case in capitalist countries, but gave it a social value. Many public services have been introduced such as public laundries, public dining rooms, kindergartens, home deliveries, all to help lighten marketing and household work for millions of women.

Public dining rooms alone had a thirteen and one billion ruble turnover in 1938. Completion of a Third Five-Year Plan in 1947 will provide a greater number of time-saving and domestic-labor-saving goods for housewives. Day nurseries and kindergartens accommodated 1,800,000 children in the cities and 5,700,000 children in the villages in 1938. The Third Five-Year Plan provides for an accommodation of 4,200,000 children in the cities and a corresponding increase in the villages by 1942.

MOTHERHOOD AND JOBS

The most important public service for women by the Soviet government is the maternity service. The purpose here is not only to help women have healthy babies, to raise their children in health, but especially to help women keep their jobs, if they wish to, and at the same time take advantage of the joys of motherhood. The International Labor Office

Questions and Answers on the War Situation

By
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER



Question—How do you explain the rapidly growing tension between the United States Government and the Soviet Union, despite the fact that there is no rivalry for markets or territory between these two countries?

Answer—The United States is the central fortress of world capitalism and as such its ruling circles have from the beginning watched with undisguised enmity the growth of the young Socialist giant, the U. S. S. R. It was in this hostile spirit that the U. S. Government sent its troops, along with England, France, Japan, etc., to participate in their counter-revolutionary efforts to destroy the Soviet Government by military action in 1919; it also gave moral and financial support to various similar White Guard movements in the civil war of 1918-22. Furthermore, it persistently tried to strangle the U. S. S. R. by economic boycott, and it was the last of the great powers to grant diplomatic recognition to the Soviet Government.

For a time, under the Roosevelt Administration, this deeply hostile attitude of the U. S. Government toward the U. S. S. R. relaxed somewhat. Roosevelt, who was then following a policy partially in opposition to the great banking and industrial interests of this country, recognized the Soviet Government in 1933 and a little later relations developed. But now Roosevelt has patched up his differences with the great capitalist interests, both in their domestic and foreign (war) policies, and therefore has lapsed back into the anti-Soviet attitude characteristic of the Hoover-Coolidge days. He and the State Department, reflecting the profound hostility of American finance capital toward Socialism, are allowing no occasion to pass unutilized (City of Flint case, Finland, etc.) in order to create tension between the U. S. A. and U. S. S. R. What the great exploiters of the world are striving for above everything else is a united war of all the big capitalist powers against the Soviet Union, and the United States Government, in collaboration with Great Britain and France, is becoming increasingly active in developing this anti-Soviet campaign.

Question—Why are the top British and French labor leaders supporting their governments in the war?

Answer—The Citrines and Blums are Social Democrats, and they are supporting this imperialist war even as they did the imperialist World War of 1914-18. Such labor leaders, despite their Socialist pretenses, are, like the Greens, Wolls, Freys, etc., in this country, wedded to the capitalist system, and their policies, both economic and political, are based upon those of the employers. They constantly subordinate the workers' interests to the capitalists'. Their program is not one of class struggle but of class collaboration. Lenin long ago properly called them lieutenants of the bourgeoisie in the ranks of the working class.

Thus, in line with the interests of the employers, the British and French Social Democratic labor leaders have made possible the reactionary successes of Chamberlain and Daladier by helping them strangle Republican Spain, by sabotaging the European People's Front movement, by halting the Munich sellout as a great victory for peace, by preventing the formation of a world peace front of the democratic peoples, by assailing and slandering the U. S. S. R. on all possible occasions, and now, by helping their government drive the workers into the present imperialist slaughter. The policy of the British and French labor leaders is of one cloth with that of the German Social Democrats who saved European capitalism after the World War by beating down the German revolution. They are tools of the bourgeoisie and a main prop of the capitalist system.

One of the very greatest tasks of the workers, therefore, is to replace these misleaders by leaders who, irreconcilable enemies of capitalism, will prosecute a relentless struggle to defend the workers' immediate interests here and now and also carry on an unceasing campaign for the eventual establishment of Socialism.

W. Z. Foster

(League of Nations) in its book "The Law and Women's Work" published in 1939 gives the regulations respecting the protection of maternity in nearly all countries. In this book one will find the following about the Soviet Union.

A maternity leave from employment of 56 days before and 56 days after confinement. One month before and one month after confinement for women on collective farms. Full wages for this period to women in the cities and half pay to women on collective farms. Free care at confinement. A supplementary grant of 45 rubles for a layette and an extra nursing allowance of 10 rubles per month for 9 months. Option on the same job up to 6 months, from date of absence because of maternity. At their own request, pregnant women may be transferred to easier work at same wages. It is against the law to reduce the wages of pregnant women or to refuse to employ them. Maternity insurance benefits are paid from the social insurance fund to which the working people do not make contribution.

There is a compulsory provision to establish day-nurseries where women work. Contributions for the organization and upkeep of the day-nurseries are made by the factories and other establishments where ever people work. No other country compares with the maternity services in the Soviet Union. It is not a charity affair. It is universal and covers millions of women. In capitalist countries only a small number of women get maternity benefits, with the unemployed women generally left out. Most of the maternity benefits in capitalist countries are given only when the women pay insurance fees for same and they generally are small payments. No country protects the job of its mothers as does the Soviet Union. In this book of the I.L.O. one finds that in the United States employment to pregnant women, after a certain period of pregnancy, is prohibited in the states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, Vermont and Washington. But any payments or benefits for maternity and guarantee of the job to the mother (with the exception of the Philippines for women employed as laborers) are indicated as just blank spaces in this book for the United States as a whole.

On The Score Board

A Visitor Learns About Football

By Lester Rodney

A visitor from England dropped into the Daily Worker sports department today. He wanted to know all about the American game of football he had heard so much about.

"Well, to begin with," I said, "the football season is over." "Oh, I see," he said. And then with a look of sudden bewilderment—"Then what's all this stuff here—basketball?"

"This stuff" was the headlines in the sports section. Some of them were "USC Accepts Rose Bowl Nomination, to Start Practice Next Week"—"Duquesne Turns Down Bowl Game, May Reconsider"—"Georgia Tech Works for Defense Against Christian's Orange Bowl Passes"—"Kinnick Almost Unanimous Choice."

"Oh, that—those are the Bowl games they're talking about," I explained. "There are about eight games on New Year's Day."

"But I thought you said the football season—well what does that 'Kinnick Almost Unanimous Choice' refer to?"

"That's something else. You see, the season is really over, but I guess it isn't really over in a way. That's the All-American team they're talking about. They pick All-American teams 'till about January. That headline meant that Nile Kinnick of Iowa will be almost a unanimous choice as halfback on the All-American team."

"Well, that's a fascinating idea! All the best players on one team! In what Bowl game does this All-American team play?"

"The All-American team doesn't play anywhere," I said. "It's just a sort of honorary award. Except sometimes they get a little gold football."

"Well," he persisted, "that's still a pretty nice idea anyhow. I'll have to tell the boys back home about that. Who selects this All-American team?"

He was beginning to get a little annoyed. "Nobody exactly picks the All-American team. All the newspapers in the country, all the magazines, all the coaches, sports fans, governors and mayors pick their own teams."

He was a little slower with the next question. "Well... If all these people pick their own teams, and the teams don't coincide, then almost all the football players in the country must be the recipients of what you call this honorary award. Isn't that so?"

"Now you're beginning to catch on," I replied enthusiastically.

It's a good thing our visitor let it go at today's sports page and didn't look back at some of the past headlines. I'd still be trying to answer some of his questions.

For instance he'd probably want to know how come all the newspapers announced before the season started that Northwestern University was going to have the greatest team in the country, when subsequent headlines showed Northwestern losing four games. "Perhaps," I can almost hear him saying hopefully, "perhaps the journalists mixed them up with Northeastern."

He'd most likely be puzzled by the fact that the Syracuse and Stanford Alumni Associations, to name two, howled for the scalps of coaches Solum and Thornhill all fall because of the teams' poor showing and then went into hallelujahs about them as great teachers and character builders when their green teams ended by upsetting Colgate and Dartmouth respectively.

He'd be confoundedly puzzled when he read of "super teams" on Wednesday that were licked on Saturday by "pushovers." Such things don't happen in English Rugby. Not even on the playing fields of Eton.

And if he'd been here all season, and then saw the preferred draft list of college stars drawn up by the executives of the Professional League Saturday afternoon, he'd have the best question of all.

He'd want to know why the list completely ignored a player who was practically a unanimous selection for the greatest back in the country by anyone who ever saw him play.

A player whose name sounded over the radio as the amazing 60-minute star of every single game he took part in, whose marvelous long distance passing, breakaway running, devastating blocking and extraordinary defensive ability pulled a just fair team right to the brink of the Rose Bowl. A player who won the spontaneous and unanimous respect of every team and every coach against whom he played, who had the unusual tribute paid him by an opposing team of a collective article in their Texas school paper lauding his skill, courage and sportsmanship. A player whose name was on the lips of every one of the 103,000 fans who filed out of the Los Angeles Coliseum Saturday after seeing him play one of the greatest games of football any man ever turned in against overwhelming odds.

I'd have to tell our friend from England that the moguls of the National Professional League didn't list Kenny Washington of U.C.L.A. on their college draft list because he is a Negro.

PACKERS MURDER GIANTS 27-0

SPORTS DAILY WORKER SPORTS

NEW YORK, MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1939

WARRY #12:

So We CCNY
"Students" Can't
Play Basketball
Any More, Eh?



We Buried CCNY '5' Too Soon Again!

Speedy Young Beavers Jolt Favored
St. Francis in Amazing Debut, 31-24

Once again the sports writers spread black crepe over a Holman-coached CCNY basketball team too soon. For when the final gun sounded Saturday night to set off pandemonium in the packed little City gymnasium, it sounded on a magnificent bit of that famous CCNY sustained, whirling dervish passing in a half court by five baby faced boys in lavender who had already won the ball game from favored St. Francis 31-24.

This game must surely have been the greatest tribute of all to the coaching genius of Holman. With not one full time regular back from last year's team, with the youngest, greenest looking team the uptown school has turned out to the court in memory, he faced the opening tilt against St. Francis best team in years, a team with all the men back who licked City last year and additional great sophomores, and produced a quintet that outthought, outplayed and outlasted the Brooklynites all the way.

MONITOR THE SPARK
Angelo Monitto, a reserve from last year's team, was the spark that set City afire, going into the game with another fast youngster, Al Goldstein, half way through the first half with City trailing by 5 points and starting them on their way to the 13-13 half time tie with an astounding back-over-his head toss as he cut under the basket a mile a minute. Angelo kept scoring in the second half and wound up with ten points for the night, a point higher than St. Francis' deadly set shot Argelia accumulated.

As City pulled away in the second half it looked for all the world like another good Holman team—and how Nat does it is something for the basketball gods to conjure with. Full of fire all the way, steadied by a grand forty-minute performance by floorman captain Babe Adler, the City team served notice that it was going to be nobody's pushover.

LAUB DOES WELL
Young Harvey Laub did well up front, while Dave Laub, 6 foot 3 sophomore, played a nice floor and defensive game and sunk a vital set shot on his only toss from out a way. Jack Carpin, after getting over a case of early jitters and too much shooting, fitted in nicely and showed a fine eye.

Well, they did it after all. A loud "Allegoroo" or whatever it is they yell—from the Daily Worker's sadly misled sports department to Nat Holman and his valiant youngsters.—L.R.

The Box Score
CCNY (31) ST. FRANCIS (24)
LORDMAN, F. 2 0 4 Naughton, M. 3 3 5
Scheinkman, M. 0 0 0 Argosha, R. 4 1 9
Adler, R. 3 0 0 Braginska, C. 2 1 5
Laub, H. 1 0 2 DeJewicz, J. 0 1 1
Carpin, J. 3 1 7 O'Neill, R. 0 2 2
Monitto, A. 3 0 8 Maliniano, L. 0 2 2
Schindler, J. 1 0 2
Goldstein, A. 0 0 0
Totals 15 1 31 Totals 8 8 24

Rasslin' at Coliseum
The largest turnout of the season is expected at the New York Coliseum, East 177th Street and West Farms Road, the Bronx, tonight, when Jim Casey, brother of Steve the Crusher, meets Gus Sonnenberg, former world's champion, in the feature event of an all-star mat card.

For the most complete and interesting coverage of high school basketball, follow the Daily Worker sports page.

Stars As
UCLA Just
Misses Bowl

Run Wild to Win Pro Title at Milwaukee

32,279 Cheer Green Bay as Famed Giant
Defense Finally Cracks; Herber,
Isbell Pass Losers Dizzy

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 10 (UP). — Green Bay's mighty Packers riddled the famed defense of the New York Giants with an unstoppable combination of power and deceptive passing today and toppled the defending champions from their National Professional Football throne, 27 to 0.

It was Green Bay's fifth world championship, but no victory was any sweeter than this. Before an overflow crowd of 32,279 that swarmed into the compact little stadium on the State Fair grounds the Packers avenged last year's playoff defeat with the deadliest attack ever displayed in a title game. Three touchdowns and two field goals produced the most decisive playoff victory in history.

GIANTS STYMIED
On defense, the Packers were so effective that New York's attack was throttled completely until the closing minutes of play when Green Bay, loaded with reserves, yielded 49 yards in a single drive when ended on the three-yard line as the final gun sounded.

Three times in the first half the Giants attempted long field goals, their most proficient weapon all season long. But none came close.

The Packers used a simple plan of attack. They drove their backs into the line time after time early in the third period and drew the Giants in close. Thereafter the defending champions were easy prey for the brilliant forward passing of Arnie Herber and Cecil Isbell, who cut loose with two touchdown passes and set up the third.

After ten minutes of play, the Packers took the ball on their own 44 and marched straight down the field to the Giants' six-yard line whence Herber drew the Giants out of position by faking a pass to his left, then firing it straight over the line of scrimmage to Milt Gantenbein who stood in the end zone. Tiny Engbreten place-kicked the extra point.

In the third period, the Packers rolled under a full head of steam. A 35-yard drive on straight line plays carried to New York's 21. Engbreten dropped back to his 29 and place-kicked a perfect field goal.

how, thinks Coach Jim Crowley. Starting right in with tough West Virginia, then Tulane, Pitt, St. Mary's, North Carolina, Fordham, Arkansas and NYU which is plenty schedule for any team.

The probable starting line-up:
Ends: Denberry, Bash
Tackles: Kuzman, Ungerer
Guards: Bennett, Sartori
Center: De Filippo
Quarter: Noble
Half: Eshmont
Half: Filipowicz
Full: Blumenstock.

Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis.
Dear Judge Landis:
I am hereby transmitting to you, in behalf of the New York State Young Communist League a petition signed by 50,000 New York fans who have indicated their desire to see Jim-Crowism banned from Big League baseball. In your absence I have already presented the 50,000 signatures to President Ford Frick of the National League, to whom the petition is addressed, as well as to yourself and to President Harbridge of the American League.

In polls conducted by the Daily Worker and by the Pittsburgh Courier, outstanding major-league players and managers hailed the great abilities of many Negro players, saying without a doubt there were a number of major-league calibre. With true sportsmanship representative of the game they play, they welcomed the idea of breaking down the bars of discrimination against Negro players. American sportsmanship is founded on the idea of fair play. But it is certainly not fair play to bar from the Big Leagues the best athletes of the Negro people and thus strengthen the forces of white chauvinism, also in nation and segregation which stand as bars to the realization of that full democracy to which the American people aspire.

The employment of Negro players by the Big Leagues will not solve all the problems of the Negro people in their struggle for equality. But, in removing the evil of discrimination from America's most popular sport, it will be an important step forward. And to baseball, through greater democracy, it will give new life and vitality.

This is the desire of the 50,000 fans, and I'm sure it's the desire also of millions of others who support the sport you head. This desire, we Communists, as the party of socialism, heartily endorse in keeping with our program of full economic, social and political equality for the Negro people. I therefore urge that at these sessions your organization take steps to employ Negro ball players and end the discrimination that now prevails.

Sincerely yours,
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Hamilton County Communist Party.

Text of Letter to Judge Landis
Asking End of Jim Crow

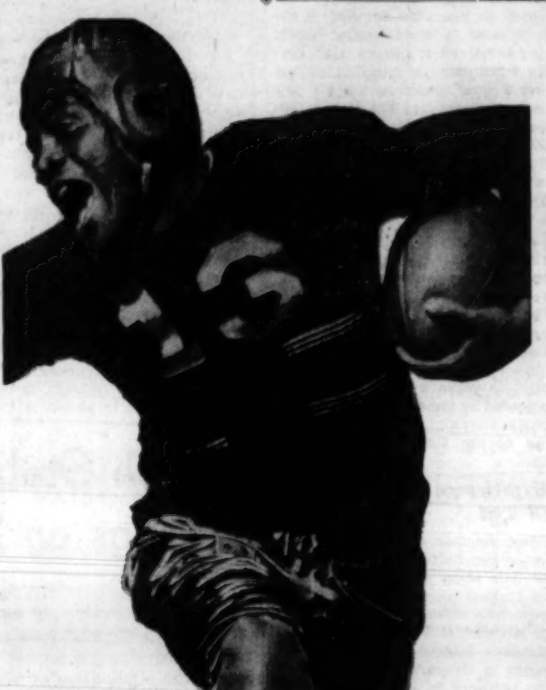
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KENNY WASHINGTON, UCLA's great All-American back, just missed taking an underdog team into the Rose Bowl at the expense of a USC eleven considered the most powerful in the nation. With the score 0-0, Kenny led a magnificent UCLA march to the USC two-yard line in the final quarter, but the Trojans held and the game ended in a scoreless deadlock. USC will face Tennessee in the New Year's Day Classic.

'40 Rams Will Be Less Touted, But May Be Better

Return of Blumenstock and Eshmont, Good
Frosh Helps Fordham Outlook

(This is the fourth of a series of articles discussing the prospects of the local football teams for 1940. Next: CCNY.)

By Stan Kurman
Fordham sentiment was strong last spring. Everybody figured the Ram to finish 1-2-3 as the nation's strongest. But Fordham hit two Southern powerhouses early in the season and didn't even figure in the first twenty until late.

They won't be in a hurry to go out on a limb for the Ram in 1941. Three of the starting backs and their first-line subs are missing. Dom Principe, powerful punter and blocker heads the graduating group which includes Bill Krivich, a place-kicker par excellence. Stan hasn't missed a conversion in his school or college career to date. Krivich will be an important asset—last year Fordham missed nearly half of its attempted conversions.

The line is set. An all-vert array from end to end. Al Basiz, who was out all last year, is a good pass-catching replacement for Ray Riddick at one end and Vince Denberry at the other. Sophs Witkowski and Boudreau will give these boys plenty of competition. They're accustomed to snaring Filipowicz' passes and with some defensive grooming may replace the vets.

It's enough to say that big John Kuzman, who is coming into his own as a great player, is at one tackle with Joe Ungerer at the other. Tom Bennett and Larry Sartori are back at the guards and, of course, De Filippo is a fixture at center.

The schedule is more difficult than last season's. No more Waynesburg set-up—not good test any more good boys from the fine frosh outfit. There's Charley Pierce, a fine defensive player who'll spell Blumie. Sam Ooski is a fine runner and will relieve Eshmont. The best news of all is the arrival of Stan Krivich, a place-kicker par excellence. Stan hasn't missed a conversion in his school or college career to date. Krivich will be an important asset—last year Fordham missed nearly half of its attempted conversions.

Jim Noble, who saw plenty of duty in the Alabama and Tulane games, putting up a fine defensive battle, will take over for Krivich at quarter-back. And a soph figure to hop into Steve Kazio's old spot at full-back. The boy is Steve Filipowicz, best passer to come up in years. With Eshmont and Blumenstock also pitching, the arrival of Filipowicz gives the Ram its most diversified passing attack in years. Right behind this crew there's

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